GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:915
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
KARGIL REVIEW COMMITTEE
JAYABEN B. THAKKAR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the various recommendations of the Group of Ministers (GOM) taking stock of the national security in the light of the Kargil Review Committee Report; and

(b) the details of the recommendations accepted by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by the Government on 17th April, 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and, in particular to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation presented their comprehensive Report titled `Reforming the National Security System` to the Prime Minister on February 26, 2001. Amongst others these recommendations seek to improve the National Security structures in the field of Intelligence Apparatus, Internal Security, Border Management and Management of Defence.The major recommendations of the GoM are: (I) redesignation of Service Hqrs as `Integrated Headquarters`,
(ii) creation of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS),
(iii) creation of a Defence Procurement Board,
(iv) creation of the Defence Intelligence Agency,
(v) establishment of a National Defence University,
(vi) preparation of a holistic integrated Defence Perspective Plans for 15 to 20 years,
(vii) strengthening the mechanism for gathering and dissemination of intelligence,
(viii) rejuvenation of State Police Forces/Central Para military Forces, (ix) National Service for youth, (x) expanding NCC and service in the Territorial Army, (xi) upgradation of the efficacy of the civil defence organization, (xii) setting up of village defence committees in rural areas, (xiii) revamp of the criminal justice system and (xiv) strengthening, training and equipping of Border Guarding Forces etc.

(b) The recommendations made by the GoM were approved by the Government on 11th May, 2001 with the modification that a view on the recommendation relating to the institution of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) will be taken after consultation with various political parties.